Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 03 Nov 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 04 Nov 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 02 Nov 2023 at 15:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Friday, and high for drier conditions over the weekend, but low for cloud amounts. Low for details from Monday onwards.

Headline for Friday 03 Nov 2023: Cold wet and breezy with persistent rain and low cloud.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 03 Nov 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain
Precipitation probability							
90%	90%	90%	90%	90%	80%	70%	70%

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Weather: Persistent, often heavy rain through the early hours and much of the day. Rain turns patchier by late afternoon, but further showery outbreaks of rain are likely to continue into the evening and overnight A few drier spells possible across Creag Meagaidh and Ben Alder ranges.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil.

Low cloud and visibility: Very poor visibility with persistent cloud above 300-400m, perhaps 700m at times around Ben Alder.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	33/44 N	27/36 N	33/43 N	29/40 N	27/36 N	25/33 N	23/30 N	19/26 N	16/22 N
900	26/33 N	23/29 N	25/32 N	23/30 N	21/27 N	19/25 N	16/21 N	14/19 N	12/15 N
600	16/23 N	14/20 N	15/22 N	14/22 N	12/18 N	12/18 N	9/14 N	7/12 N	6/10 NW
300	9/22 N	9/21 N	10/23 N	10/23 N	9/20 N	8/19 N	6/15 N	5/11 N	4/10 N
Glen	5/21 N	5/21 N	6/22 N	6/22 N	6/20 N	6/18 N	4/15 N	3/12 N	3/10 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	0/-8	0/-7	0/-8	0/-7	1/-6	1/-6	0/-7	-0/-7	-1/-6
900	3/-3	4/-2	3/-3	3/-2	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2	2/-2
600	5/0	5/1	5/1	5/1	6/2	6/2	5/2	4/2	4/2
300	6/3	7/4	7/4	7/4	7/5	7/5	6/4	6/4	6/4
Glen	6/3	7/4	7/4	7/4	8/6	9/6	7/5	6/5	6/4
Freezing Level*	1400m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1500m	1400m	1300m	1300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Persistent rain will result in very wet underfoot conditions and high water courses, with crossings potentially hazardous. Some paths and access roads may also be flooded. Wind and rain will enhance chill affect.

Forecast for Saturday 04 Nov 2023

Weather: A largely dull day with light overnight rain turning to patchy drizzle through the morning, with Ben Alder in the southwest seeing the best chance of dry weather. Mostly dry in the afternoon, perhaps some bright spells developing, best chance of these in the south. Dry but cloudy overnight.

Maximum wind: Light and variable.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20-40% in the morning, 50-60% in the afternoon. Best chance on the south.

Low cloud and visibility: Most likely poor visibility to start with persistent cloud down to around 400-600m. There is a chance that this will thin and break from the south through the day.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 or 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1200m.

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